



## Book bargains bring Arubans to the Biblioteca Nacional

One of the best aspects of the celebration of the Reina Beatrix is the great deals that are offered by various flea markets, and Aruba's National Library offers some of the best. Not only does the Biblioteca Nacional open its doors with a general amnesty on overdue books, but the staff cleans out the shelves and hardcover and paperback books are sold for only two florins each, or \$1.15.

The library staff was hard at work, offering not only books, but also a bargain lunch, snacks and soft drinks, and what no Aruban flea market is complete without, but also a sweets concession of home baked goods, manned by the library's director, Astrid Britten.

The sale of books was so eagerly anticipated that staff report the line to stock up on low-priced reading material began early in the morning, long before they opened their doors. Many settled in to enjoy lunch as they perused their new purchases, and many Arubans will be doing a lot of reading over the next few months!